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APPROVAL WORK RECORD

CI/OA FILE NO.	SECURITY OFFICE FILE NO.	PROJECT
SO-1987	67378	

SUBJECT (FILL IN ONE ONLY)

TRUE NAME	CRYPTONYM	PSEUDONYM
DAVIS, Thomas E.		

NAME CHECK & INVESTIGATIVE RECORD

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REQUEST FOR PRESENT OPERATIONAL STATUS OF SUBJECT	DATE: 6 Mar 1956
	CI/OA FILE NO. 50 1297

TO : Chief CI/E/I

FROM : Chief, CI/Operational Approval and Support Division

SUBJECT : Thomas E. DAVIS

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(a) ✓ No longer are being used;

(b) Do not satisfy the requirements for operational approval;

(c) Are of no further interest to the office of original request.

2. CI/OA records indicate the subject has been of interest to you since 1952 for: MAPPING WORK

☑ operational use

☐ informational purposes

3. It is requested that you notify CI/OA of the present operational status of subject, using the bottom of this form for your comment.

4. If no answer is received from you within 30 days, CI/OA will assume that you are no longer interested in the subject and will retire the file without further notification to you.

COMMENTS FROM OFFICE OF ORIGIN

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REQUEST FOR PRESENT OPERATIONAL STATUS OF SUBJECT

DATE

CI/OA

TO : FE/Covert [illegible]

FROM : Chief, CI/Operational Approval and Support Division

SUBJECT : Thomas J. [illegible]

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COMMENTS FROM OFFICE OF ORIGIN

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INITIALS EXTENSION

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REQUEST FOR PRESENT OPERATIONAL STATUS OF SUBJECT	DATE 6 May 56 CI/OA FILE NO. SO 1987

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COMMENTS FROM OFFICE OF ORIGIN

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T. E. D.

#67378

8 February 1952

The files of G-2, Department of the Army, were checked in Subject's name on 5 February 1952. A file in the name of Thomas Edgar ________ was reviewed and disclosed the following information:

In a letter to the Commanding General, 2nd Army, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland from Intelligence Division, General Staff, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C., dated 25 May 1949, the Investigations Section states that information has been received from the Plans and Operations Division, General Staff, U. S. Army, liaison agency with the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, for the Department of the Army, that ________, Thomas Edgar was granted "Q" clearance on 2 February 1949. The AEC clearance number if NY 6514.

The above information was predicated upon an L/S from 2nd Army, to Director of Intelligence, requesting verification of "Q" clearance regarding above individual.

File further reflects that the FBI conducted investigations on 18 January 1949 at Cincinnati, Ohio and 12 January 1949 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania regarding Subject.

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Case No: 67378 8 April 1952

SYNOPSIS:

SUBJECT presently resides at 2596 Neil Avenue and not at 1596. He is married, has a son, about 25 years of age. SUBJECT attended Ohio State University from 1935 to 1939, receiving a B.S.C. degree. He was formerly employed as a garage mechanic in Hilliard, Ohio and is presently Assistant Director of a Research Foundation at the Ohio State University. Neighborhood investigation was extremely favorable, nothing of a derogatory nature was developed. Credit favorable and Police negative. SUBJECT reportedly investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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Case No: 67378 8 April 1952

BIRTH AND CITIZENSHIP:

At Columbus, Ohio:

According to the records of the Registrars Office, Ohio State University, SUBJECT was born in Wellston, Ohio during January 1903.

EDUCATION:

At Columbus, Ohio:

The records of the Registrars Office, Ohio State University on 21 February 1952, revealed that SUBJECT was a student from 1935 to 1939, at which time he graduated with a B.S.C. degree.

EMPLOYMENT:

At Columbus, Ohio:

On 7 February 1952, the records of the Ohio Bureau of Credits revealed that SUBJECT is presently the Assistant Director of the Research Foundation of the Ohio State University. Upon graduation from O.S.U., or shortly thereafter in December 1939, SUBJECT was employed by the university as Assistant Fraternity Auditor. He later moved from that position to that of Assistant Director in 1946. Prior to the time, he was employed as a mechanic in Arch Alder's Chevrolet Garage, Hilliards, Ohio.

NEIGHBORHOOD:

At Columbus, Ohio:

On 2 April 1952, it was determined that SUBJECT resides in an apartment building located at 2596 Neil Avenue, near the university. Mrs Mae OWEN, Apt. "D", 2596 Neil Avenue, stated that she has known the SUBJECT and his wife since the time of their moving in the building, which was about three years ago. She described them as "most substantial people" and added that SUBJECT is the Assistant Director of the Research Foundation, Ohio State University. He is most capable, likeable and respectable man and enjoys a fine reputation in the building and in the neighborhood generally. She further stated that the FBI had investigated him several years ago, apparently in connection with his job at the Foundation. She described SUBJECT and his wife as

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"upper middle class" with one son, about twenty-five years of age who is married and resides out of Ohio, although he is preesently staying with his folks because his wife is in a hospital in Columbus with their newly arrived baby. Informant stated that she knew nothing but good relative to SUBJECT and his family and that he is truly a patriotic American.

On 2 April 1952, Mrs Thomas REEDER, Apt. "B", 2506 Neil Avenue, stated that she has known SUBJECT and his wife as neighbors and that they are fine people, respected in the community and are conservative in their living and habits. They have one son, Ed, who is precntly staying with them. SUBJECT, according to informant, is "homey" and does not drink or have any bad habits to her knowledge. She considers him a one-hungred percent American.

On 2 April 1952, Mrs. F.W. HOMSHER, Apt. "C", 2590 Neil Avenue, stated that she has been acquainted with the SUBJECT and his wife for about a year as neighbors. She knew little about them except that they are nice people and well thought of in the neighborhood, They are quiet, do not engage in many social activities. Informant confirmed SUBJECT's employment and added that she knew of nothing of a derogatory nature regarding the SUBJECT or his family.

Mrs John R. SNOWBALL, Apt. "A", 2596 Neil Avenue, stated that she has known SUBJECT and his wife just three years or since the time they moved into the building, three years ago this month. She stated that she liked them very much and knew of no finer people. They are respected in the community and are quiet and conservative. SUBJECT neither drinks or carouses and is a "homebody", except that he plays a great deal of golf with her husband. Informant stated that SUBJECT's son Ed is presently with SUBJECT coming here from West Virginia for the arrival of their newborn youngster. She added that SUBJECT has a fine poistion with the Research Foundation as Assistant Director, and is a thorough American.

REFERENCES:

At Columbus, Ohio:

On 3 April 1952, Mrs Harvey BROWER, 2268 Summit Street, stated that she purchased the premises on which she now resides, from SUBJECT about twelve years ago and although she did not know the ----- family except for the real-estate transaction, she had heard many good things about them from neighbors that used to live

in this part of the community. She stated that everyone seemed to have a good word for both SUBEJET and his wife and she knew of nothing derogatory in the regard. She added that Mrs John MONROE, 2262 Summit Street, knew the SUBJECT and his wife.

On 3 April 1952, Mrs John MONROE, was interviewed and stated that she had known the SUBJECT's wife since they were younsters living in Hilliard, Ohio and that she has known SUBJECT since he and his wife married nearly thirty years ago. The -----'s were wonderful people and well thought of by everyone. SUBJECT was formerly employed by Arch Alder's Chevrolet Gagage in Hilliard, Ohio after which he returned to Ohio State University. He was later employed by O.S.U. in some capatity, becoming Assistant Director of the Research Foundation. Informant suggested another person that was acquainted with the -----'s, Mrs Harry MYERS, 6500 Dublin Road, north of Columbus, Ohio.

On 3 April 1952, Mrs Harry MYERS, was interviewed and stated that she had known the -----'s and that they were very close friends. She knew of nothing derogatory regarding SUBJECT and stated that she considered the ----- family as the highest type of people. SUBJECT's son, Ed, is engaged in some type of Engineering work, believed to be in Detroit, Michigan

AGENTS NOTE:

It was determined that Arch Adler, SUBJECT's former employer. and personally known to the writer, is presently confined to a hospital and not available for interview.

Norman ARMENTROUT, Manager, Alder's Garage, Hilliard, Ohio stated that SUBJECT was the best mechanic they had ever had in the garage. Informant stated that he has heard Mr. Adler make this statement many times since SUBJECT left in 1937. He further stated that SUBJECT and his wife had a fine reputation and were patriotic Americans. Informant had attended high school with SUBJECT's son Ed, whom he described as a first rate fellow, who displayed that he came from good people.

CREDIT AND CREDIT REFERENCES:

At Columbus, Ohio:

The records of the Ohio Credit Bureau, 83 S. 4th Street, examined on 7 February 1952, revealed that SUBJECT married Helen

B. in Hilliards, Ohio; that he has worked for Alder's Garage in Hilliards until about 1927; that he had been hurt and collected a claim from the Ohio Industrial Commission; further that he went to Ohio State University and graduated with a B.S.C. degree in 1939 and then went on the payroll of O.S.U. in December 1939. Presently Assistant Director of the O.S.U. Research Foundation, and prior to this was Assistant Fraternity Auditor. Further, in 1949 he had financed an automobile through General Motors with a mortgage of $949.00 which is prompt; that his credit rating is good, nothing against him and most purchases are for cash.

POLICE (CRIMINAL AND SUBVERSIVE) RECORDS:

At Columbus, Ohio:

The records of the Columbus Police Department, on 7 February 1952, failed to reveal any information on SUBJECT. The files of the Ohio Un-American Activities Commission were examined on 4 April 1952 and failed to reveal any information on SUBJECT.

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TO : Assistant Director for Special Operations
ATTENTION: Staff C

FROM : Chief, Special Security Division

SUBJECT : PZ 2359
#67378

1. Reference is made to your request dated 27 December 1951 for a recommendation as to whether an Operational Clearance should be granted to permit the Subject's use as cover in Europe under cover of present employment.

2. The attached information regarding the Subject is furnished to you as an aid in determining whether or not the Subject should be used under the authority of an Operational Clearance in the capacity set forth in your request.

3. This memorandum pertains only to the assignment mentioned in Paragraph 1 above. It is requested that this office be informed of your decision as to whether you intend to use the Subject. If the Subject is not used, the attached material should be returned to the writer in a sealed envelope marked "Eyes Only," indicating the reasons for not using the Subject.

O.C.

FOR THE SECURITY OFFICER, CIA:

Robert H. Cunningham

ROBERT H. CUNNINGHAM

Attachments:
NCD 2/19/52
Inv. rpt. 3/8/52
Biog. Data

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TO: Chief, Special Security Division
Attn: Mr. Clayton

FROM: STC SEB 70

SUBJECT: PZ-2359

1. The following biographical data is available on Subject:

Thomas Edgar Davis
1596 Neil Avenue
Columbus, Ohio

Acting Head of Research, Ohio State University Research Foundation

BSC in Business Administration 1939 Ohio State U.

1939-1942 Assistant Auditor, Dean's Office

Since 1942 has been Assistant to Director Research Foundation.

2. Date of Birth will be forwarded as soon as received.

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COVERT NAME CHECK REPORT

DATE: 19 February 1952

SUBJECT: T.E.D. 67378 OC OSO

In accordance with your request, a covert name check was conducted on Subject with results as indicated below:

AGENCY	RETURN	DATE
G-2	SA	2/6
ONI	NR	2/19
STATE (less Passport)	NR	2/11
FBI	*	2/13
CSC	NR	2/12
HCUA	NR	2/6
OSI	NR	2/5
PASSPORT	NR	2/13
I&N		

* 10/12/50 - Investigation revealed nothing derogatory regarding Subject's character, reputation, employment, neighborhood, and associates.

This data is property of Inspection and Security Office, to be returned when subject is no longer covertly used. Its existence or contents must not be disclosed except to CIA Staff Officers directly concerned

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FBI-CRENA-0450 Utting Drag

OSI-NR

ONI-NR

15 Feb 52

Talked to Bill [illegible] on 23 Jan 52 — [illegible] [illegible]

Called Osborne & gave secretary info that will check again 23 Jan

Called Ken Clayton 4:10 (15 Jan) Is going to update these checks and will let me know soon as the results. Couldn't say how long it will take

Called Clayton 23 Jan 52

Clayton called me & said [illegible] was pulled. Cooking 24 Jan

19 Jan 1903

Wellston Ohio

Q clearance

NY 6514

Feb 48

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Air Force

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Received the [illegible] from Osborne 11 Dec 58
Birth date [illegible] to come.

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TO : Chief, Special Security Division
Attn: Mr. Clayton
FROM : STC/SPB

Date 27 December 1951

SUBJECT: Thomas E. Davis ** ~~James B. Owens, Director, Ohio State University Research Foundation~~

P.Z. # 2359
EE-742-AD

A. DEADLINE: (1)____ (2)____ (3)____ (4)____ (5)____

B. CHARACTER OF CASE: (1)O.C. x (2)P.O.C. x (3)C.N.C.__ (4)C.S.C.__ (5)P.__

C. CLASSIFICATION: Agent__ Clerical__ Service__ Other Cover

D. AREA: Europe x Middle East__ Far East__ Latin America__ Specific____

E. SUBJECT'S COVER: U.S. Govt.____ For. Govt.____ Academic____

Commercial____ Religious____ Professional____ Pres. Empl. x

Undesignated____ Other____

F. ACTION: Investigation, including covert name checks x

Covert name checks only____

Development of biographic data____

Reply as soon as possible re I&S check__ FBI check__ Other____

Special name checks____

G. SUGGESTED COVER FOR INVESTIGATION:

General U.S. Government interest____

Non-government, commercial interest x

Special____

H. The chief of the interested Division has certified that OSO operational files and documents contain no information of investigative or security interest in addition to that set forth in PRQ I and II. (Reviewed by):____

I. Please return attached PRQ Part I PHS 57's Biog.Data with result of your action.
Biographic Data Is contained IN EE-742-AD

OO has granted a release for subject's use by the Division.

**Per telephone conversation McMahon/Clayon 29 Dec 51

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Tom,

Pls. make paper changes to replace Owens with Davis in this action. because Owens resigned his position and Davis has taken his place. I have orally done this with R. Clayton I+S - 29 Dec 51. Att. paper should be returned to Osborn of Plans Staff when new papers have been initiated.

[signature]

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CS-1124 (Osborn)
Priority
21 December 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, STC/SPB

FROM: Chief, FLAMS

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4. FDW is extremely anxious to complete these arrangements, and it would be appreciated if you would treat this request as a priority matter.

cc: FDW/Barringer

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OFFICE MESSAGE

(DATE)

TO:

NAME (PERSON CALLING) | IN PERSON | TELEPHONE

A. M. | P. M.

TEL. NO. | EXTENSION | RETURNED YOUR CALL | WILL CALL AGAIN | PLEASE CALL

DISREGARD

REMARKS:

Please write up a POC. I've already telephoned this to Osborne on 27 Dec.

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Dr. Owens

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REMARKS:

FROM:

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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

INSTRUCTIONS: Officer designations should be used in the "TO" column. Under each comment a line should be drawn across sheet and each comment numbered to correspond with the number in the "TO" column. Each officer should initial (check mark insufficient) before further routing. This Routing and Record Sheet should be returned to Registry.

FROM:	NO.
Chief, PLANS	DATE 21 Dec 1951

TO	ROOM NO.	DATE REC'D	DATE FWD'D	OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS
1. STC/SPB		Entered	26 Dec	51	BY HAND ONLY Clayton checking to find proper 1 & 5 list (") Cobrook not ... 27 Dec 51 POC 1541 eff 27 Dec... Osborne states they have clearance from OO to use now 27 Dec 51 TDO
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SUPPORT AND PROTECTION BRANCH
Operational Clearance Work Sheet

SPB File No. 1987

Name ~~[illegible]~~ DAVIS, Thomas E.
(real, pseudo or Crypto)

	(check)		(date)
PRQ I		Project ____ Reviewed	
Division Traces		EFF 25 JAN 5?	
OP Files		Sent FEB 2 1952 Provisional O.C.	1763
Green List		Operational Clearance	2362 MAY 7 1952
Staff C			
Local Field Traces		Operation Reviewed	
Other Field Traces			
I&S Indices	✓ 15 Jan 52		
I&S Covert Report	[illegible]		
I&S Investigation			
Biog data	✓		
PRQ II			

Checked w/JAK [illegible] Osborne for [illegible] a [illegible], thought it would be allright to give the PO[illegible] Q on the clearance of AFC + Air Force + Navy [illegible] to be called when something more concrete develops 23 Jan 52 TDO

Osborne got the [illegible] more [illegible] info 7 Feb 52 TDO